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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF
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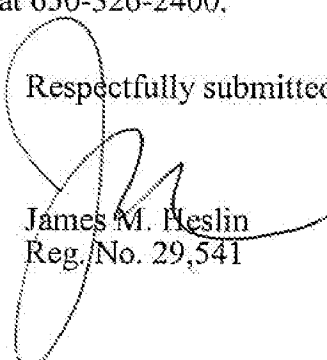
In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed on June 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect the species of Fig. 6 and designate claims 1-4, 7-14, and 32-44 as reading on the designated species.

It is noted that Figs. 6 and 7 are modifications of the basic design of Figs. 1-5, showing the different quick release mechanisms. Applicants have elected the first of the release mechanisms and note that claims 15, 16, and 45-70 are directed at other release mechanisms.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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